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SUBJECT: CONFLICTING CLAIMS ON DEGREE OF DAMAGE SUFFERED BY
COFFEE TREES IN PARANA

1. ACCORDING TO A REPORT CARRIED IN THE 19 MAY EDITIONS OF THE
"GAZETA MERCANTIL" CAMILO CALAZANS, PRESIDENT OF THE BRAZILIAN
COFFEE INSTITUTE (IBC) STATED ON 18 MAY THAT THE 1976/1977
COFFEE CROP IN PARANA WOULD BE AFFECTED ONLY SLIGHTLY BY THE
COLD, VIOLENT WINDS WHICH STRUCK THE REGION ON 17 MAY. IBC AGRO-
NOMISTS, IN PARANA TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE, REPORTED TO CALAZANS
THAT THE LEAVES OF MANY YOUNG COFFEE TREES IN THE REGION SHOW
SIGN OF DAMAGE, INDICATING THAT RECOVERY FROM THE JULY 1975 FROST
WOULD BE DELAYED BY ANOTHER YEAR.

2. IN A RELATED ARTICLE CARRIED IN ITS 19 MAY EDITION , THE "O
ESTADO DE SAO PAULO" REPORTS THAT MANY COFFEE GROWERS IN THE AFF-
ECTED REGION AS WELL AS SOME IBC EXPERTS CLAIM THAT THERE WAS
"CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE" SUFFERED BY THE COFFEE CROP.

3. THE ARTICLE IN "O ESTADO" GOES ON TO STATE, HOWEVER, THAT THESE
SAME COFFEE FARMERS AND IBC EXPERTS ALSO ADMIT THAT THERE IS A
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"GAME" OF CONFLICTING INTERESTS OVER INFORMATION ON THE EXTENT
AND DEGREE OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE COLD WINDS. ON ONE SIDE THERE
ARE THE COFFEE GROWERS WHO HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN REPORTS OF
SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE CROP IN ORDER TO FORCE PRICES STILL HIGHER
ON THE WORLD MARKET. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICUL-
TURE FOR THE STATE OF PARANA WOULD PREFER TO MINIMIZE THE EXTENT
OF DAMAGE SUFFERED IN ORDER TO KEEP PARANA FROM BEING LEFT OUT

OF ANY NEW GOVERNMENT COFFEE PLANTING SCHEME.

4. THE TRUE SITUATION IS STILL UNCLEAR; THE IBC ADMITS THAT ITS
AGRONOMISTS HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED THEIR SURVEY. THE CONGEN WILL
CONTINUE TO REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

5. EMBASSY CONCURS.

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